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REMARKS

Claims 2-12, 15-25, and 27 are pending in the application.

Claims 2-5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,369,437 B1 to MacPherson et al. Claims 2, 7-9, 11, 12, 15-18, 20-23, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,536,968 to Crafts et al. Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,266,829 to Hamdy. Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,748,031 to Best. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over MacPherson. Claims 19 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over MacPherson in view of Hall. Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over MacPherson in view of Barth. These rejections are respectfully traversed for the reasons given below.